

# Appendix: Dyett HS Community Engagement & Support

**January 10<sup>th</sup> Implementation Retreat 2015**

**Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Mollison Elementary School**

**4415 S. King Drive**

## **AGENDA**

(breakfast provided)

- I. **Introductions & Breakfast Re-cap, & Overview of Process** 30 min total (D. Turner)
  - a. What brings you to this work?
  - b. Re-commitment to Dyett on a local & national level
  
- II. **Breakout Workshops – Continuation from previous retreat** - 60 min  
Focus – Design 4 year curriculum map with electives
  - Present the core classes that everyone will take by grade (per Dyett Plan)
  - Deliverable workshop product: Elective template will be provided for each group to fill out.
  - Design electives classes/course description for:
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    - b. Community/Culture grades 9 -12 – Facilitator: Pemon Rami
    - c. Music Program grades 9-12 – Facilitator: Dr. Lawson
    - d. Colloquium grades 9-12 – Facilitator: Jitu Brown

Note – Each group should begin with senior year, and work back towards freshman year
  
- III. **Additional Workshops – Simultaneously facilitated with above sessions** – 60 min
  - e. Human Resource System/Criteria Development – Facilitator: D. Turner
    - i. Principal & teacher recruitment/selection
  
- IV. **Group Report** 6:50 – 7:10 pm
  
- V. **Coalition Meeting/Close** - Jitu 7:10 – 7:30 pm

**Teams (from 10/25)**

**If your name isn't listed we will add you to a group on 11/12**

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**November 12<sup>th</sup> Implementation Retreat 2014**

**Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School**

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Kennicott Park – Chicago Park District**

**4434 S. Lake Park Avenue**

**AGENDA**

(Subway refreshments provided)

- I. **Introductions, Re-cap, & Overview of Process** 20 min total (D. Turner, R. Cunningham, Jitu, Rico)
  - a. Green Technology Review
  - b. Global Leadership Review
  - c. Classical, Community, Critical Knowledge Review
  
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## Community-Led Schools Alignment Process

The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization has convened local school council (LSC) representatives from Dyett High School and its' area feeder schools, Price Middle School, Reavis Elementary and an area primary that feeds both elementary schools, Jackie Robinson. We are convening these groups for a community-led, alignment process that improves the quality of education in these schools by:

- Curriculum alignment
- Policy alignment (discipline, parent involvement, etc.)
- Improved program rigor with appropriate supports in all schools
- Engaging community as key stakeholders to create a culture of high expectations
- Strengthen the working relationship between Dyett and its' feeder schools.

This process will start with LSC members, who will bring in school administration and other stakeholders. Why? In our experience, the leadership must come "from the ground" in order to create real school/community partnership.

Then the table will expand to include representation from the 4<sup>th</sup> ward alderman Toni Preckwinkle, Chicago Public Schools, state representative Will Burns' and state representative Kwame Raoul's office. The goal is to develop a strategic plan that has input from all before mentioned stakeholders and is fully implemented by 2010-2011 school year. This process will only strengthen the schools' normal SIPAAA development planning, providing a model on how to engage parents and community as key stakeholders. Here are the upcoming meeting dates:

- Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ Dyett High School
- Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ Price Middle School
- Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ Robinson Primary
- Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ Reavis Elementary
- Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ Dyett High School
- Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ Price Middle School
- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ Robinson Primary
- Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> @ Reavis Elementary

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This consortium has begun to meet monthly and is facilitated by KOCO's education organizer. For more information, please contact Jitu Brown at (773) 548-7500 or (773) 317-6343.

***Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School***

**Community Survey**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Are you satisfied with the high school educational options for children in the Southside of Chicago? Why or why not?**

***WALTER H. DYETT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND GREEN TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY***

—TURN OVER PLEASE—

4. A goal of the *Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School* is that the school be responsive to the wishes, interests, and values of parents, students, and community members. Can you share some thoughts, questions, comments, and concerns for us about the new *Walter Dyett HS*? What would you like it to be (or not be); what would you like it to do (or not do)?

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**—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!!—**

***WALTER H. DYETT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND GREEN TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL* COMMUNITY SURVEY**

## COUNT ON ME!

Join us as we save the last open enrollment, neighborhood high school in Bronzeville: Dyett High School. The remaining students:

The Dyett 13 deserve to have a 'Senior Paradise' with wraparound services & supports.

- O Make outreach and update phone calls to members and supporters
- O Work on team to ensure that the students have quality senior activities such as prom, luncheon, etc.
- O Conduct research for resources for the Dyett 13 (eg. scholarships, etc.)
- O Assist in providing college & career supports for Dyett students
- O Assist with the media campaign regarding Dyett High School & the Dyett 13
- O Participate in various activities and actions in order to ensure that the Dyett 13 get every resource that they need to have a successful senior year and get the Dyett Global Leadership & Green Technology Plan implemented in Dyett in August 2015

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Dyett High School Transformation Forum

“A Sustainable, Community Plan”

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Dyett High School, 555 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street

Minor Hall

5–6pm



**Presentation of Bronzeville Global Achiever's Village,  
a Community-Led, School Transformation Model**

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## Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology School Implementation Retreat

Coalition to Revitalize Dyett High School

Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

@ Kennicott Park – Chicago Park District 4434 S. Lake Park Avenue

### Event Details:

Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology School will be a unique, one of kind, high quality jewel in the historic Bronzeville community. **Please join us on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 5:30 until 7:30 pm at Kennicott Park 4434 S. Lake Park Avenue** to engage in the process of planning for its grand opening in the fall of 2015. The focus of the concurrent workshops will be: Incorporating the cultural & historical knowledge of Bronzeville into the curriculum; green technology & science; developing a music program; colloquium design; Developing hiring systems; and school climate. This is a working meeting that will begin and end promptly at the stated times. We appreciate everyone's expertise and commitment towards making Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School a reality. **An evening snack will be served.** The agenda will be sent soon.

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# Fuller Elementary School Transformation Forum

"A Sustainable, Community Plan"

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Fuller Elementary School, 4214 S. St. Lawrence

6-8pm

**Presentation of Bronzeville Global Achiever's Village,  
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**A Chicago Neighborhood's Agenda for Schools!**



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# Education is a Human Right Town Hall

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Dyett and the Journey for Justice Alliance**



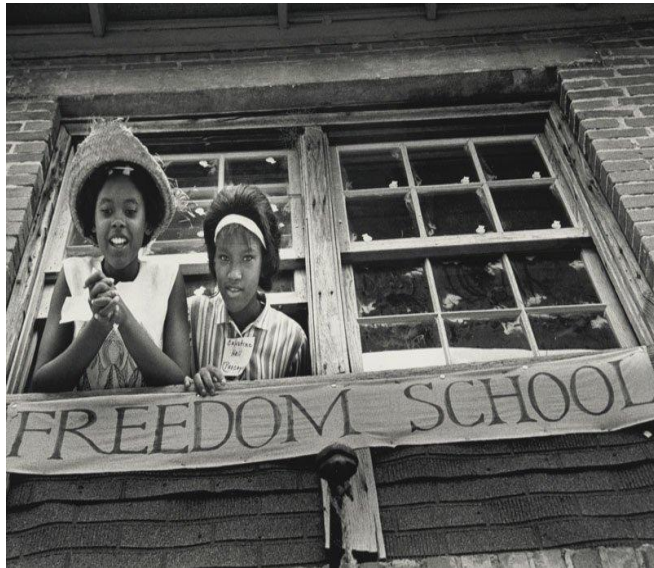
**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
First Unitarian Church  
5650 South Woodlawn**

**6 – 8 pm**

## **Special Guests:**

**Dyett 13 Students  
Parents of Dyett, Mollison, & Overton  
Students  
Dr. Timuel Black  
Reverend Janette Wilson – PUSH  
United States Department of Education  
Amnesty International**





## Program

6pm	Welcome-First Unitarian Church -Anita Orlikoff
6:10pm	Purpose of Town Hall-Jitu Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act</li> <li>b. Dyett and Mollison Title VI Complaints (acknowledge DOE &amp; AI)</li> <li>c. Dyett Global Leadership &amp; Green Technology Plan</li> </ul>
6:20pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Closing Schools Destroys Communities-Dr. Timuel Black</li> <li>b. Statement of Support-Reverend Janette Wilson, PUSH</li> </ul>
6:35pm	Testimony on Impact of CPS Actions on Dyett and Mollison
7:05pm	Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School Updates-Duane Turner and Nefeteria Denton
7:10pm	Testimony of Support, Dyett Global Leadership and Green Tech HS
7:45pm	Next Steps-Chrisean and Irene Robinson
7:55pm	Close

# ***Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School***

## **Letter of Intent to Enroll—For the 2016-17 School Year**

This Letter of Intent to Enroll is for you to show interest in having your child (or children) attend *Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School*.

Signing this Letter of Intent **does not obligate** your child to attend *Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School* **nor does it guarantee** admission. We will enroll 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students only in 2016. We will grow by one grade every year-enrolling another class of 9<sup>th</sup> graders—until we are a full 9-12 high school.

### **Student Information**

Full Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about *Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School*?

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am interested in sending my child (or children) to *Walter H. Dyett Global Leadership and Green Technology High School*, an open-enrollment, neighborhood public school in Bronzeville.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# National Summit on Urban Education

A New Direction for Public Education-We Are the Solution

October 28, 2014

Rainbow Push Coalition, 930 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago Illinois

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## Itinerary

8am-9am	Breakfast
9am	Press Conference at Rainbow Push
9:30am	Opening Plenary
	a. Welcome-Reverend Janette Wilson., Rainbow Push Coalition
	b. Why We Are Here-Jitu Brown, Karran Harper Royal
	c. Order of the Day-Zakiyah Ansari and Rebecca Fernandez
10am	Issue Areas
	<i>First hour focuses on concerns, 2<sup>nd</sup> hour dives into policy and practice recommendations. Need to be typed by "scribes" in each session.</i>
	a. School Privatization and Sustainable Community Schools (Jitu, Barbara Gross)
	b. School to Prison Pipeline and the American Approach to Discipline in Urban Communities-Tre Murphy, Kesi Foster
	c. Funding Equity-Zakiyah Ansari
	d. The Elimination of Black Teachers-Brandon Johnson
12:15pm	Lunch (Dr. Jonathan Jackson, Schott Foundation)
1:15pm	Collective Report Back-Duane Turner, KOCO
1:45pm	Recap of Recommendations and Congressional Response
2:15pm	Google Chat with Conference Attendees and National Elected Officials and Leaders-
3:15pm	The Way Forward and Close-Jitu Brown, Journey for Justice Alliance



# Price Elementary School Transformation Forum

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6-8pm

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# Dyett High Global Leadership & Green Technology High School Townhall

**Where: Kennicott Park, 4434 S. Lake Park**

**When: Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

**Time: 6 – 8 pm**

Students on the south side deserve quality, open enrollment schools in their neighborhood operated by CPS. Parents, students, teachers, community members and academic partners worked hard for 4 years on a plan for Dyett H.S. and its feeder schools called the Dyett Global Leadership & Green Technology High School Plan.

***Come participate in the continued development of the community's plan for the future of Dyett High School as an Open-enrollment, CPS Operated School: The Dyett Global Leadership & Green Technology High School Plan.***

***Coalition Partners with the community include:***

***University of Illinois at Chicago: College of Education***

***Chicago Teachers Union***

***Kenwood Oakland Community Organization***

***Teachers for Social Justice***

***Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council***

***Chicago Botanic Garden***

***Jazz Institute of Chicago***



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# Jackie Robinson Elementary School Transformation Forum

“A Sustainable, Community Plan”

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Robinson Elementary School, 4225 S. Lake Park

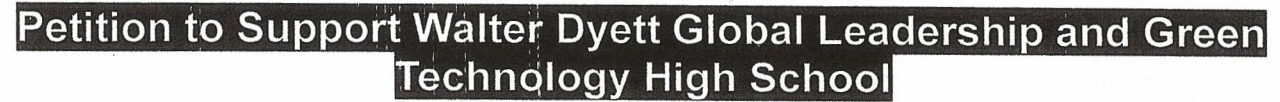
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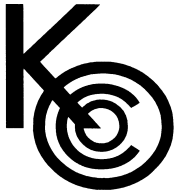


**Presentation of the Bronzeville Global Achiever’s Village,  
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Our planning vision is for Jackie Robinson will be a primary school that provides a quality of education that develops our students into highly literate students who are readers, thinkers, communicators and leaders; prepared for a rigorous middle school science and engineering experience.

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School Alignment Meeting with Alderman Toni Preckwinkle

May 24, 2010

2pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions-Alderman Preckwinkle
- II. Purpose of the Meeting-Jay Travis, KOCO
- III. Brief Overview of Alignment Structure and Process-Jitu Brown, KOCO
  - a. Discipline
  - b. Curriculum
  - c. Parent, Student and Community Involvement
  - d. Safety
- IV. Need for Area and District Support-Bob Runcie, Chicago Public Schools
- V. Remarks-Alderman Preckwinkle
- VI. Feedback and Commitments-Jitu Brown, KOCO
- VII. Close



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Coalition to Revitalize Dyett High School

Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

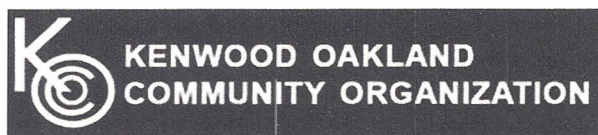
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# The Bronzeville Global Achievers Village



**Reavis Math and Science Elementary**  
*A Math, Science and Engineering Elementary School*



**Mollison Global Leadership Academy**  
*A Language, Communications and Global Affairs  
Elementary School*



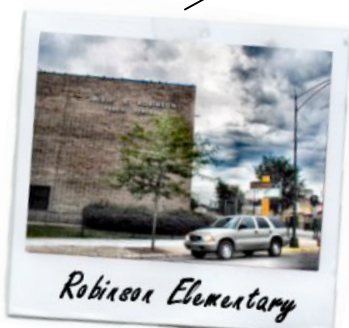
**Walter H. Dyett High School**  
*A Green Technology and Leadership High School  
Engineering, Agriculture, Science, Civics, Language  
Arts with intense College and Career Preparation*



**Florence B. Price Middle School**  
*A Stem Science School with Focus on Science,  
Engineering and Mathematics*



**Melville W. Fuller Elementary**  
*A Leadership Academy with an Emphasis on Civics,  
Communications with Socially and Culturally  
Relevant Curriculum*



**Jackie Robinson Primary**  
*A Primary School with an Emphasis on Language,  
Literacy and Leadership*

## Bronzeville Global Achievers Village

The Bronzeville Global Achievers Village is a network of schools in the Bronzeville community that will work together to ensure access to a world-class education for every student. The “Village” will ensure that every school in this network has; a) A strong focus on school culture, curriculum and staffing, b) Appropriate wrap-around supports for each child, and c) Genuine collaboration with community, to ensure local ownership and accountability.



### *Bronzeville Global Achievers Village Schools:*

- *Vertically aligned curriculum*
- *K-12 Restorative Justice Practices (our model of restorative justice includes prevention programs to teach social skills, character development)*
- *4-12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Exposure via field trips and visits from post-secondary representatives*
- *“On the Ground” Community Patrol to ensure safe passage and connecting students to community parents and residents as positive authority figures*
- *Effective, well-trained Local School Councils and Parent Advisory Councils*
- *Community Schools (open until 7pm)*
- *Future Eagles Feeder Mentor Component*
- *Strong Community Partnerships, with alignment between school and institution specialty*
- *Unified Parent and Community Activities*



## **Dyett High School**

### **Proposed Change**

Walter H. Dyett Green Technology and Leadership High School

### **Proposed Specialty**

Math, Science and Engineering (Emphasis on Agriculture)

Global Civics and Human Needs (Increased Emphasis on Service Learning)

College and Career Readiness (through rigorous curriculum, internships, college exposure to further develop an achievement oriented school culture)

### **Strengths**

Strong core group of teachers

Small school environment

ESPN renovation

Strong community partnerships

Building college bound culture

Improved school climate

### **Challenges**

Public perception leading to low enrollment

Impending sense of school closure

Possible co-habitation with charter school

Students' academic level when they enter Dyett

Neighborhood violence

## **Price Middle School**

### **A. What does this team see as Price's specialty?**

Price aims to become a STEM and community magnet school, first within the attendance boundary, and then city-wide. Price is positioned to be able to offer its students a path to success in high school, where students will be able to use their pre-college readiness to leap ahead in the college prep. And workplace skill sets required by an increasingly technological economy. This 2010-2011 school year has been the first for Mr. Moore, and under his and his chosen team's school-wide leadership, a school specialty has emerged: a middle school concept that has at its core the science, technology, pre-engineering, and math needed so to serve our young people as they become young workers in the 21st century career pipeline. This specialty will be realized through multiple strategies, including parent outreach, teacher recruitment and retention, University partnership, and personal learning plans for students.

### **B. What are the strengths and weaknesses?**

Strengths: new leadership, team players on board, the DePaul (Prof. Radner) connection, curriculum mapping, new AP and Lang. Arts and Math "anchor" teachers/team leaders, and most of all student involvement and real resilience (sports, cheerleading, young authors, science fair), approaches to project-based learning

Weaknesses: curriculum coherence, divergent classroom teachers not adhering to agree upon classroom management / school culture and PBIS norms, lack of Area support and follow-up, persistent challenges in addressing all students' needs, LRE and the appropriateness of inclusion vs. academic pull-out where needed, parent involvement (some teachers are frustrated and not living up to the expectation that they do regular parent contacts).

### **C. What curriculum will be needed to aid in the transformation process?**

The Price school leadership team is committed to a rigorous process of analyzing the most appropriate research-based, student-need based curriculum. It's a question of what works best for the students of Price; as a result, professional development must reflect this needs-based value rather than be consultant driven or a decision made by another factor. The greatest impact in curriculum will be felt when teachers' knowledge base is valued, complemented, and built upon. Leadership recognizes that building teacher capacity is critical for transformation to take hold, classroom by classroom. Another aspect of curriculum advancement will be in the leveraging of content-area writing skills within Social Studies and Science classes.

Overall, the greatest need lies in assisting with curriculum mapping and planning so that the STEM dream can come alive at Price. Implementing easier activities such as a recycling contest may provide the background knowledge and culture to build towards greater greening of the campus. Students will be involved every step of the way, from the precursors to Environmental Engineering to expanding STEM across Reading, Writing, and Social Studies content areas.



## **Reavis Math and Science Elementary School Discussion Points**

Vision; Reavis will transform into a high quality neighborhood school, with an emphasis on science, math and engineering that prepares students to successfully compete for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers.

### **Classroom and Curriculum;**

- Evidence-based, challenging math, science and engineering curriculum that utilizes books and e-books.
- Introduction to lab work for middle-school aged students.
- Lower class sizes
- Teacher aides in each classroom
- Deepen student learning by moving away from subject integration.

### **Discipline and Social/Emotional Supports**

- 45 minute recess for all students
- Move away from zero tolerance practices/initiate restorative justice practices (peer jury, peace circles, peer mediation, etc.)
- Effective use of RTI and LRE to address social and emotional needs of students.
- Community school with quality after-school programs (debate, chess, 4H club, recreation, etc.)

### **Parent and Community Involvement**

- PAC/LSC led "Student Cultural Opportunities Committee" which will plan field trips for students during the year that will aide students in learning about local, national and international issues and how they relate.
- Parent Welcoming Committee-Parents who will receive small stipend for meeting visitors at front door.
- Meaningful parent and community involvement

### **Academic Support and Enhancement**

- Annual Spelling Bee
- Developed Computer Lab and Instruction
- Utilize Alternative Assessments besides Standardized Tests
- Hot, healthy meals and establish a Nutrition Committee
- Legitimate after-school tutoring

### **Partners**

- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Provident Hospital

#### Fuller Elementary Discussion Points:

- Literacy intervention programs: supportive services both within classrooms and after school. Teacher teams, for literacy interventions, using multiple forms of data including student work, in-class assessments and observations, and test scores.
- Goals for children: empowerment, intellectual and character development, social and personal development, literacy, skills needed beyond school, how to create not just get jobs, feel more confidence and self-worth, learn multiple languages and about global realities and cultures,
- School—family relationships
  - o Help parents know how to help their children at home with academics;
  - o Invite parents into school and classrooms, and help parents know how to help students in school as well;
  - o Help parents who come to school to be actively engaged in helping the teaching and learning process;
  - o Parents and teachers need to work side by side in partnerships;
  - o Principals personally calling parents (Carmilla), for non-disciplinary matters, is a powerful statement and can open doors for parents to participate in school;
  - o Schools are not the only place w/ knowledge—parents know things about their own communities/children/culture that teachers/administrators may not know, and students have their own knowledge. Genuine dialogue and real respect for all the different knowledge is essential (comment from Rico)

#### Questions for teachers and administrators—and some responses:

- There are students who say, “I’m not college material,” and there are parents who say the same thing about their children, and this can happen at pretty young ages. What do you say to them?
  - o Response: possible ways to deal w/ this are to build deeper relationships w/ students and show them the things that they can do (i.e., help make them conscious of those things)
- From your angle as school staff, how can you strengthen the relationships between school and home?
- How do you allow for students to learn in their own ways? Suppose the parent has her own ways that are different from what their child is learning in school? What should the parent do?

#### Question for parents

- From your perspective as a parent, how can the school better involve parents?

Responses: “Coffee with the Principal” (open, relaxed dialogues), school website and emails, parent recognitions, and showcasing parents’ contributions. Support parents who do their own parent handbook for parents (at Reavis). Create a survey of what knowledge, skills, talents, etc., that parents can offer the school and also ask students how they’d like to see their families involved.

## Mollison Elementary

### A. What does this team see as Mollison's specialty?

Mollison plans to be a School of Global Studies, where students learn about the world and their place as global citizens. Mollison will provide excellent instruction in the core curriculum areas, with an emphasis on language and communications. Mollison will welcome meaningful parent and community involvement, building and maintaining a parent and community presence in the school building.

### B. What are the strengths and weaknesses?

Strengths: Teaching strategies, strong LSC

Weaknesses: Consistency/Expectations of the culture of building and discipline, lack of support for teachers, teachers and parents don't have a good relationship (who needs assistance-social work)

### . Curriculum

- \*African American history
- \*Worldview (tech connect)
- \*Arts
- \*Recess
- \*15 to 1 student to teacher ratio
- \*gender specific classes
- \*library with library tech
- \*Economics
- \*extra curriculum activities

### Discipline and Safety

- \*Restorative justice
- \*Parent Patrol

### Facility

- \*Parent Center
- \*well maintained building
- \*updated library

### Student and Family wrap around support

- \*Counselors
- \*student and parent coordinators
- \*website (interactive for parents, teachers, and students)
- \*Parent/Volunteer training
- \*teachers part of SIPPAA team
- \*full time nurse

#### Parent & Community Involvement

- Parent/teacher events
- Teacher/parent forums-dinners
- Partners-local business ,alumni ,friends of Mollison for resources
- Parent resource center

C. What curriculum will be needed to aid in the transformation process?